



# Bus riders detail beheading

Passenger heard 'blood-curdling scream' before young man knifed to death

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**Passengers aboard a Greyhound** bus from Edmonton to Winnipeg yesterday recounted a scene from a horror movie, when a man stabbed another rider repeatedly before cutting his head off.

Garnet Caton told CBC News he was riding directly in front of the victim Wednesday evening. The young man was sleeping with headphones on. Caton said he **Greyhound working to enhance safety: Rep** 

• Greyhound spokesman Eric Wesley said passengers aren't searched when boarding buses in Canada, but that the company is working with Transport Canada to enhance security. "Obviously this is a tragic incident, and our condolences do go out to the vicitm's family," Wesley said.

heard a "blood-curdling scream," and turned to find the attacker gouging at the man with a large knife.

"He must have stabbed him 50 times or 60 times," Caton said.

"Like, just everywhere, arms, legs, neck, chest, guts, wherever he could swing it, he got it," said Cody Olmstead, another passenger who witnessed the attack.

The 37 passengers aboard the bus Wednesday

the crazed attacker still stabbing his victim, described as a native male around 18 to 20 years old. Caton, the bus driver and a

stampeded for the door, leaving

trucker who stopped to help reentered the bus to see if the young man was still alive.

"When we came back on the bus, it was visible at the end of the bus he was cutting the guy's head off and pretty much gutting him up," Caton said.

The attacker slashed at the men with the knife as they ran outside, and they were able to barricade the doors so he couldn't escape.

"While we were watching the door, he calmly walks up to the front with the head in his hand and the knife and just calmly stares at us and drops the head right in front of us," Caton said.

RCMP rushed to the scene near Portage La Prairie, Man., and arrested a 40-year-old man when he tried to jump out a window.



## Stabbing victim dies in hospital

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HOMICIDE Calgary police are searching for any information they can get after the city's 20th homicide

tive and an autopsy scheduled for today should reveal more details, they are still trying to identify the man in his 20s, stabbed around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 100

When police arrived four minutes after the call came in, the man lay conscious and bleeding. EMS took him to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Given the time of the incident, police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said someone must have seen some-

"It's a bit disheartening when people hold back information," he said, adding there are a number of anon-ymous ways witnesses can contribute including Crime Stoppers.

Police suspect a group of five or

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While they're working on a mo-

block of Manora Place, NE.

thing, but few details are coming forward.

six Middle Eastern males stabbed the man once in the chest before fleeing the scene, possibly in a grey pick-up truck.

#### Music page 14

Fifteen years of **Backstreet Boys** 



Performers promoting the infamous Cirque du Soleil show Corteo dazzle people walking on Stephen Avenue yesterday with their spectacular costumes. Corteo debuted last night and runs until Sept. 7 at the Currie Barracks on Parade Square.

#### Cirque du Soleil's Corteo 'a celebration of life'

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Maxime Charbonneau from Corteo — the show debuted in Calgary last night — said the show

'Corteo is way more theatrical,' he said. The show depicts a clown, either dead or asleep, imagining his funeral and seeing the people he knew during his life and his

said Charbonneau, who added that the stage setup will be a "first and only" for Cirque du Soleil since it runs right down the middle of the crowd and splits the viewers on either side.

#### Style page 12

Be a rebel, keep wearing white

"Some people will cry, some people will laugh," said Charbon-

"You'll be moved."

There are still tickets available at www.cirquedusoleil.com.

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Restaurant hit with hefty fine

The Chong Fat Noodle House restaurant and its owners have been fined just over \$20,000 under the Public Health Act, by a provincial court judge for improper handling of food and unsanitary conditions. METRO CALGARY

# Local



"They should have stopped traffic longer, let the moose calm down and hopefully they would have caught him right away"

Cara Borbely speaking about the moose the police shot and killed this week.

# Local man steps up to stop violence

At least one Calgarian is tired of the violence and is asking others to join him in doing something about it, and city cops support the initiative fully.

Joshua Baba, president

Baba Media Group, stood in front of city hall yesterday with some harsh words about criminals and urging citizens to join his coalition.

"If you want to make our city a better, safer place to live and raise a family and if you are tired of empty promises and rhetoric

#### donating own money

The service plans on meeting with Baba, who plans to donate \$10,000 of his own money to the coalition.

then join our coalition," he said, stressing that his goal is not about politics but about leadership among community members.

"I am not criticizing the police. They put their lives on the line day in and day out. Everybody has a responsibility. If we're going to make Calgary the city it can be, we have to go out there."

Deputy police chief Trevor Daroux said the service supports and "opens their doors" to any Joshua Baba community plan to get involved.



support raising awareness but there's a clear distinction between raising awareness and vigilante action. That's certainly not what we condone, he added.

"We definitely

#### City EMS going high-tech for a safer ride

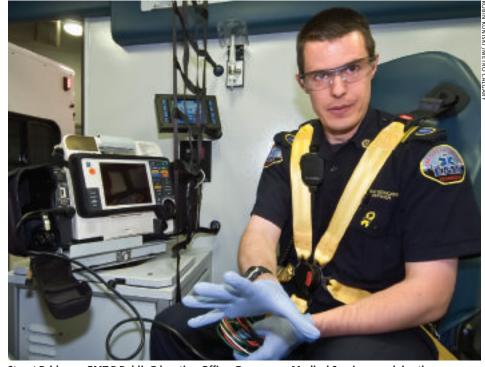
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**HEALTH** Its rear-view mirror has been replaced with a real-time audio capable video screen.

Five-point harnesses, that make you feel like a fighter pilot," have been installed along with more handrails and increased instrument stability and Calgary EMS chief Tom Sampson said the city's cutting edge ambulance design should make the job of saving lives much safer.

"Often times, we're going to motor vehicle collisions and we're always asking our patients, 'were you buckled up," said Sampson, pointing to two ambulance roll-overs in the past year and several injuries on the job forced EMS to take a fresh look at their fleet.

"And the ironic part is, many of the times, we're asking our paramedics who transport those very people from motor vehicle



Stuart Brideaux, EMT-P Public Education Officer Emergency Medical Services, explains the new safety features that are installed on the improved EMS vans that will be used in the city.

collisions in the back of an ambulance who aren't buckled up because they have to provide care.

The new ambulance, the

first of its kind in North America, cost \$24,000 for development, split down the middle with manufacturer Demers Ambulance

It will cost \$180,000 before being fitted with all the necessary life-saving equipment.

#### Fringe Festival boasts unpredictable shows

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Michele Galant

expect"

KICK-OFF Uncensored, unpredictable, and unforget-

That's how Michele Gallant, Fringe

Festival di-"I'm just so excited rector, is describing Cal- for everything gary's third being like a potluck annual Fringe Festi- supper, never

Hitting the streets today, festival performers will

be putting on special shows throughout the kick-off weekend which will whet Calgarians' appetites for the following week's performanc-

Held entirely in Inglewood, and with all venues being less than five minutes walking distance from each other, Calgarians can

enjoy 25 different theatre artists performing six shows each within the ten

"Watching people run from show to show is a lot of fun," said Gallant. "I think for me, I'm just so

excited for everything being like a potluck supper, never knowing what to expect.'

Because it's uncensored, claimers both on the

program and the website will alert attendees to the ratings of each perform-

Gallant expects to see an attendee number of close to last year's 10,000, if not

One hundred per cent of the profits from the festival go back to the artists.

#### **Cops begin check** stops program

**DUI** Starting today, police presence will be stepped up around the province. As part of the annual impaired driving education and enforcement campaign, agencies throughout Alberta will conduct Selective Traffic Enforcement Program vehicle checks, otherwise known as check-stops, focusing on impaired driving. But as Acting Sgt. Brett Marklund points out, impaired driving doesn't always refer to drinking and driving. Measures are now in place to target those who are driving under the influence of drugs.

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#### Local animal rights group expresses outrage



MOOSE A local animal rights group is outraged city cops shot a moose to death this week and is petitioning for the city to take

The D.A.I..S.Y Foundation's Heather Anderson told Metro she started the petition after the latest in a string of incidents they call "inhumane".

"It's just senseless. There is no reason they had to shoot and kill the moose when they could have tranquilized it and relocated it," she said.

On Wednesday, after a three hour pursuit, police had to shoot a three-yearold loose moose running near the airport. Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell defended the police's actions and said they had tried repeatedly to safely remove the animal.

"After three hours it became a public safety issue and we didn't have much other choice," he said, adding Fish and Wildlife officers tried unsuccessfully to tranquilize it first.

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Animal activist Heather Anderson with her 20-vr-old cat Abby and a year-and-half old puppy Bambi, is making a petition after police shot and killed a moose.

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What's online today.

Watch a report on bus safety in the wake of Wednesday's chilling incident, and another on the scourge of the pine beetle and Alberta's efforts to minimize the damage **Read** Marty York's CFL Report, including a tribute to Leif Pettersen and predictions for upcoming games **Check** movie showtimes, trailers and reviews at metronews.ca/movies **Search** for jobs using Metro's Workopolis search **Play** online Jumble Jong and Sudoku!

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Kurt Bauert hoped to hit the big time, but his high-roller status was put on hold after he fell far short of the \$24 million 6/49 lotto grand prize Thursday, settling for \$1,057 instead. Bauert, who won a Jack FM \$6,500 prize that had to be spent on the draw, had a three inch stack of tickets, 3,250 chances in all. METRO CALGARY

# in November

RATE BOARD Albertans will have to dig a little deeper to pay for the luxury of owning a personal vehicle.

The Alberta Insurance Rate Board announced Thursday that we can expect to pay an extra five per cent for mandatory auto insurance starting in November

But that's nothing close to what the Insurance Bureau of Canada recommended back in June, when they asked the board to hike the premiums by 37 per cent, which would have meant a \$200 increase for the average Albertan.

Because the Court of Queen's Bench struck down the government's \$4,000 cap on soft tissue injuries, the marketplace has been unstable and the process of striking new rates was more complex.

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# Car insurance to rise 5% Golfing for good cause

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#### **Sheldon Kennedy would** rather not have to stand up for such a cause.

He'd rather it didn't exist in the first place.

Being a realist, though, the former NHL'er, who battled booze and drugs for years as a means to escape childhood memories of sexual abuse, said the Scotiabank Charity Golf Classic in support of the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, which has raised over \$650,000 in the past 12 years, is a great way not only to raise funds but awareness.

"It's prevalent every-where," said Kennedy Thursday at the Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club, pointing to \$15 billion in federal government spending yearly to deal with the after effects of abuse.

"I don't think it comes



Olympian hockey player Cassie Campbell trades in her hockey stick for a driver at the 13th Annual Scotiabank Charity Golf Classic for the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter.

from the pressures of jobs or anywhere else, it comes from the pressures within, how we feel about ourselves, and a lot of that hate and anger and shame and guilt stem directly from that."

National female hockey

icon Cassie Campbell called the tournament a "no-brainer" for her to participate in.

"I'm very fortunate, I'm in a great relationship with my husband but unfortunately there are women out there who don't have that,"

Campbell said.

The Shelter's Maureen O'Connor, noting aid given to 12,000 people a year, said the annual cash influx generated by the tournament "certainly helps us with our day to day operations."

#### **Reader Rock Garden wins** heritage award

At least he won something



**PROJECT** Calgary's efforts to preserve and rehabilitate a space of tranquility and beauty in the city have been rewarded.

THE READER ROCK GARDEN **REHABILITATION PROJECT HAS JUST RECEIVED A 2008 ACHIEVE-**MENT AWARD FROM THE HER-**ITAGE CANADA FOUNDATION AND THE CALGARY HERITAGE AUTHORITY.** 

"Cultural landscapes really give roots to who you are as a city," said Anne Charlton, director of parks, who added they're very excited to be receiving such an honour.

Completed in the 1920's, the garden's original creator, William Roland Reader, continued to bring in various specimens of plant life from around the province to enhance the garden. After his death in 1943, the garden waned in attendance and care. Through this project, rock work was updated, original beds replanted, two ponds rehabilitated, and original structures such as the gazebo and bridge were reconstructed.

Visitation exceeded expectations when it reopened in May 2006.

## Prof seeks blackout prevention with energy analysis

**ALICIA FOX** for Metro Calgary

A University of Calgary professor is working hard to make sure you can keep your air conditioners on.

Bill Rosehart, an electrical engineering professor at the U of C Schulich School of Engineering, wants to prevent blackouts that he says can be of particular concern in the summer when the hot weather ar-

"It's all about keeping the lights on and avoiding cascading blackouts like we've

seen in the past," he said, referring to those such as the blackout in Vancouver two weeks ago and the August 2003 blackout that left 50-million people in the dark over in Ontario and the northeastern United

The 35-year-old tries to

predict peak energy demands years down the road by analyzing factors such as industrial and population growth trends, environmental considerations, and alternative energy sources.

"We're going to have to do some type of expansion to meet the requirements of future growth. How you do it might be new transmission lines, it might be new generation, or it might be management apnew proaches," Rosehart said.

Because of his contributions. Rosehart received the 2008 Outstanding Young Engineer Award.

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#### Regina man facing 10 more child sex offences

Darren Philpott, already accused of a series of sex offences involving children is now facing 10 more charges — and police now are alleging those charges are connected to his work at a school and as a Big Brother volunteer. CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada



#### **Conviction upheld**

The Quebec Court of Appeal has upheld the fraud conviction and sentence of Chuck Guité, the former federal bureaucrat who headed the federal sponsorship program. Guité was convicted in May 2006 on five counts of fraud totalling \$1.5 million related to the federal sponsorship program. Guité was sentenced to 3½ years in

# Prentice addresses text fee increase

The federal industry minister has stopped just short of threatening cellular companies over plans to charge for every incoming text message, pointedly noting other countries regulate such fees.

Jim Prentice walked a fine line yesterday, saying Ottawa has no immediate plans of intervening in plans by Bell Canada and Telus to start charging customers 15 cents for incoming messages, including unsolicited junk mail. He then noted the European Union is moving to implement regulations for text message fees.

"We don't have a heavy regulatory burden on the cellular industry. That's something that we have tried to maintain in Canada. At the end of the day, consumers do need to be protected," said Prentice, who was in Lévy, Que., for



"We don't have a heavy regulatory burden on the cellular industry ... At the end of the day, consumers do need to be protected"

Industry Minister Jim Prentice

the Conservative caucus retreat.

Prentice made it plain last month that he wasn't happy with the fees, to start Aug. 8 for Bell customers and Aug. 24 for

Telus subscribers for those whose plans don't include a text message bundle.

Since raising the issue, the minister said, he has had a "healthy exchange" with George Cope, president and chief executive of what Prentice plans to do, Bell Canada Enterprises some analysts and conand plans to meet with Telus president Darren Entwistle next week.

Spokespeople for Bell and Telus would not comment on the minister's remarks yesterday.

They have said in the past that customers can contact them to have charges for spam messages deleted from their bills.

While it's unclear just

sumer advocates were pleased the minister has weighed in.

"The introduction of the 15-cent charge for incoming text messages represents the height of arrogance on the part of Bell and Telus," said Carmi Levy, senior vice-president of strategic consulting for AR Communications.

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#### NDP proposing cap and trade program

JENNIFER TAPLIN Metro Canada

Jack Layton wants to give transit systems a lot of money.

The federal NDP leader was in Halifax yesterday to promise money for transit as a counter to the Liberal's Green Plan.

Rather than a carbon tax, Layton suggested a cap on polluters who would pay if they go over the limit.

The money generated would go towards 'solutions' like public transit. Plus he wants to take one cent a litre from the federal gas tax and pour it into transit.

"Across the country, that would give an infusion of cash every single year - cash raised from the people using the transportation system," he said near the Halifax ferry terminal.

He said Liberal Leader



Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton and Halifax West NDP candidate Tamara Lorincz speak to the media at a press conference at the Halifax Ferry Terminal yesterday. He said he'd like to invest \$37.6 million over four years in Halifax's transit system.

Stéphane Dion's carbon tax would cost Halifax's transit \$2 million over four years in diesel tax, but his plan would invest \$37.6 million.

A cap-and-trade system would take years to implement, said Liberal MP Geoff Regan in an interview.

"I think what's remarkable is the NDP leader

would come to Halifax and talk about what an NDP government would do for transit as if there was any chance of that happening," Regan said.

#### Massive rock slide cleanup begins

Olympic gold-medal winner Myriam Bedard has won the right to appeal her conviction on charges she abducted her

**News** in brief **MYRIAM BEDARD Former** 

young daughter. Bedard was given a conditional discharge and two years probation last October.

**FOUR-DAY WEEK** The Nova Scotia government is looking at switching to a four-day work week to conserve energy. Energy Minister Richard Hurlburt says the idea came up during a brainstorming session about ways to use energy more efficiently.

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**WHISTLER** Crews began blasting slabs of unstable rock from the cliff face above a rockslide covering a section of the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The blasting is the first stage in an estimated fiveday process to open Highway 99, the main route between Vancouver and Whistler.

At 11:18 p.m. Tuesday, a rockslide crashed down between Porteau Cove and Furry Creek covering the highway and the CN Rail

No one was injured in

#### long detour

In the meantime, drivers between Vancouver and Whistler have to take a seven- to 10-hour detour through Lytton, Lillooet and Pemberton. A water-taxi service will move crews to and from the slide site and a helicopter service between Squamish and West Vancouver has been set up to move people with medical needs, emergency workers, and BC Ferries staff needed at Horseshoe

the slide, which shattered the windows of a tour bus.

When the cliff is stabilized, the 5,000 to 16,000 cubic metres of rubble, including rocks the size of pickup trucks, will be dumped from the highway into Howe Sound. Official

say there is no risk to workers.

More blasting and scaling is expected today, with clean up expected to start tomorrow.

The road should reopen Monday.

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#### Tobacco firms hit with fines

**SMUGGLING** Two Canadian tobacco firms admitted

they had aided the contraband tobacco trade and will

will pay a pay out more \$980 million fine of \$980 million for aiding record contraband cigarettes in the fines and pay- 1990's.

ments to boost anti-smuggling efforts over the next 15 years.

The two firms are Imperial Tobacco and Rothmans Benson & Hedges.

The charges relate to the years between 1989 and

1994, when tobacco tax-Two Canaes, especially dian tobacco firms in Eastern Canadian provinces were so high

that

prompted

widespread

smuggling. There is also has a smuggling case pending against JTI Macdonald.

**REUTERS** 

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#### Ottawa Buskerfest



Hundreds of people gather on Sparks Street yesterday to watch Australian buskers "Sophie and Jake" perform acrobatics during the opening day of the Ottawa Buskerfest. The festival continues through the long weekend with a variety of acts, including fire-eaters, dancers, acrobats and jugglers.

#### 8 dead in Minneapolis plane crash

A small business jet crashed near an airport in southern Minnesota yesterday, killing eight people on board, officials said. REUTERS

# World

# U.S. intelligence gets overhaul

Bush orders reorganization of agencies

The White House yesterday unveiled an overhaul of intelligence powers that concentrates power in the national intelligence director and drew immediate criticism from Congress for failing to consult on the changes.

President Bush approved revising a 1981 executive order to better define the various intelligence agencies' roles and responsibilities as well as take into account a 2004 law that created the director of national intelligence job.

The efforts to shore up U.S. intelligence activities follow numerous lapses, including failing to detect the Sept. 11 attacks ahead of time as well as erroneous

#### **Director's new powers**

• Under the order, the director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, will gain primary responsibility for developing

relationships with foreign intelligence agencies that had been traditionally handled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

conclusions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even after the position was created, the intelligence community has not been without controversy. Last December it issued a report that questioned Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions despite concerns by some administration hardliners.

"Today's actions will help create a more effective intelligence community capable of providing the president and his advisers with information necessary to defend our national and homeland security," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

The action by Bush provoked bipartisan anger among House lawmakers who said they were not properly consulted briefed on the planned changes. REUTERS

#### Karadzic appears in **UN** court

TRIBUNAL Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic appeared before a UN war crimes judge for the first time yesterday to answer genocide charges

and said he had been kidnapped and feared for his life. Karadzic, arrested last week after years on the run, wore a suit

dark and tie. He appeared gaunt, his shock

of hair whiter and shorter than when he was last seen in public out of disguise more than a decade

#### **NASA claims proof** of water on Mars

**SPACE** NASA scientists said yesterday they had definitive proof that water exists on Mars after further tests on ice found on the planet in June by the Phoenix Mars Lander. NASA also extended the mission of the Phoenix Mars Lander by five weeks.

#### Finland Cracking down on Roma



A woman begs for money on a street corner in Helsinki. Finland is cracking down on Roma, or gypsies, who beg with their children, threatening to send mothers and children back to their country of origin or to take the children into foster care.

#### **News** in brief

**SCIENCE** The first object to brighten the dark, primordial universe after the Big Bang was the tiny seed of a star that rapidly grew into a behemoth 100 times more massive than the sun, scientists said on yesterday. This first generation of stars apparently lived hard and died quickly, researchers said.

ISRAEL Israel's right-wing Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu called yesterday for an early election to replace Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, whose pledge to resign has deepened uncertainty over Middle East peacemaking talks with the Palestinians and Syria.



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Goldcorp to buy Gold Eagle Goldcorp has agreed to buy fellow Canadian gold miner Gold Eagle Mines for about \$1.5 billion to pick up the Bruce Channel

gold discovery, an exploration project adjacent to Goldcorp's flagship Red Lake operation. REUTERS

# Business

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#### **U.K. firm names polluters**

**OILSANDS** Syncrude Canada emits the most greenhouse-gas emissions per barrel of oil it produces, according to a study by U.K.-based Trucost that ranked eight major oil

sands operations for their 'carbon risk." The least carbon-intensive project in Alberta is the Muskeg River Mine, which emits one-tenth the emissions.

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#### **Business** in brief

**ENERGY** Imperial Oil Ltd.'s profit surged 61 per cent to a company record in the second quarter as sky-high oil and gas prices more than made up for lower output, the oil producer and refiner said yesterday.

COTT A big slump in North American demand for soft drinks contributed to a second-quarter loss at Cott Corp. . Cott said the volume of drinks it sold fell 11 per cent on tougher compe-

# **Philip Morris buys Rothmans**

**Philip Morris International** said yesterday it agreed to acquire Rothmans for about \$2 billion in a deal that would give it total control of Canada's No. 2 cigarette maker.

The deal offers \$30 a share for Rothmans, whose sole holding is a 60 per cent stake in cigarette maker Rothmans Benson & Hedges (RBH). Philip Morris already owned 40 per cent of the cigarette maker.

Philip Morris's offer represents almost a 17 per cent premium over Rothmans' 20-day average trad-

ing price through July 30. Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant

cash premium and PMI

"Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium ...."

Louis Camilleri

consolidates its presence in a market that we deem financially attractive and of strategic importance going forward," Philip Morris Chairman and Chief Executive Louis Camilleri said.

Rothmans and RBH said they had paid a \$100 million fine and agreed to pay \$450 million more over the next 10 years to settle a case after pleading guilty to helping smugglers.

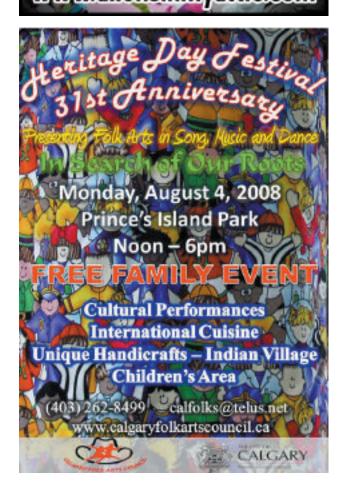
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#### Bowman to join Blackhawks front office

The Chicago Blackhawks named Scotty Bowman as the team's senior advisor of hockey operations yesterday. The NHL's all-time winningest coach, Bowman has spent the past six seasons working as a consultant with the Detroit Red Wings. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports



#### Ramirez headed to the Dodgers

gger Manny Ramirez, left, got his wish yesterday, finally freeing himself of the Boston Red Sox, as he was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a three-way deal. Pittsburgh outfielder Jason Bay will head to Boston as part of the trade, while the Pirates received four players in return. Meanwhile the Chicago White Sox acquired the Hall of Fame-bound outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. and cash considerations in exchange for right-handed pitcher Nick Masset and second baseman Danny Richar.

SPORTS EDITOR: JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN, SPORTS@METRONEWS.CA

#### **Sports** in brief

**NHL** The Edmonton Oilers shook up their front office yesterday, promoting former general manager Kevin Lowe to president of hockey operations and naming Steve Tambellini as the new general manager.

**TENNIS** Roger Federer was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 by Croatian Ivo Karlovic in the third round of the Cincinnati Masters yes-METRO NEWS SERVICES

York**Report** 



Marty York pays tribute to former CFL receiver and analyst Leif Pettersen, who has died at 57. Check it out at www.metronews.ca in today's York Report and **CFL Report.** 

## Riders roll into town

DAN TOTH for Metro Calgary

#### Frankenstein would be proud of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The defending Grey Cup champions have dug up enough spare bodies to not only stay alive this season but transform themselves into the monsters of the Canadian Football League.

The Jolly Green Giants have suffered a rash of serious injuries through their first five games but have somehow remained undefeated and limp into McMahon Stadium tomorrow to face the Calgary Stampeders (3-2).

Saskatchewan has posted wins with a trio of quarterbacks while three other players — receivers Andy Fantuz and D.J. Flick, along with defensive back Leron Mitchell — have all suffered broken legs.

serious Other less wounds include torn knee ligaments to defensive end

John Chick, pulled hamstrings suffered by receiver Weston Dressler and QB Marcus Crandell, a concussion to defensive back James Johnson and cracked ribs suffered by backup pivot Burris Darian Durant. Cran-

dell is expected to start against the Stamps.

"That just shows you that they have a very good team," suggested Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris, whose squad has lost to the Roughriders in the playoffs the last two years.

"It doesn't matter who they have under centre, they've always had guys who step up and are ready to play within the scheme and do what's asked of them. That's how that team plays.'

Saturday's contest is the first of back-to-back games against the Riders, a crucial portion of the schedule if the second-place Stamps have designs

on first place in the

CFL West. "These are critical games right now for us to play the top team, not only in the West but in the entire league," said Burris.

As always the Roughriders are a huge draw in Calgary, with a sellout in excess of 35,000 expected that will include some 15,000 Riders faithful.

"It doesn't matter what their record is, this is a huge rivalry," Burris said.

#### Ivanovic shocked at Rogers

TENNIS Ana Ivanovic was stunned 6-2, 1-6, 6-2

by 17-year-old Austrian Tamira Paszek in the third round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal yesterday, opening the door for fellow Ser-Jelena bian Jankovic to claim Ivanovic her No. 1 world ranking.

Jankovic, who eased into the last eight earlier

in the day with 6-3, 6-2 demolition of Canadian Stephanie Dubois, sits just 88 points behind Ivanovic in the WTA rankings and can nudge her out of top spot by making it to Sunday's final.

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Vipers open a nine-game long homestand
The Calgary Vipers open a long home-stand today against the Edmonton Cracker-Cats. After a three-game series against their provincial rival they will host the Long Beach Armada for three games and then play another three games against the Yuma Scorpions. METRO CALGARY

# Series Preview VIERS

# Baseball battle of Alberta heats up



Calgary Vipers outfielder Darryl Brinkley is excited for this weekend's series against the provincial rival Edmonton Cracker-Cats.

LAURENCE HEINEN for Metro Calgary

The Calgary Vipers and Edmonton Cracker-Cats have both been bright lights in their first seasons in the Golden Baseball League.

Heading into tonight's clash between the provincial rivals at Foothills Stadium, the Snakes and Cats have been the class of the GBL's North Division, battling for top spot all season long.

"They have a pretty good team, but we do too," said Calgary outfielder Darryl Brinkley. "It looks like maybe there's a good chance that we might be playing them in the playoffs in the first round."

While the Vipers earned bragging rights as first-half championships in the North Division, the Cracker-Cats were right on their heels. In the second half, the Vipers (10-6) hold a narrow half-game lead over the Cats (10-7) heading into a three-game series at Foothills Stadium this weekend.

"Every time we play them we want to go out there and win," said Brinkley, who's second on the Vipers and 10th in the GBL with a .360 batting average. "I'm sure they want to do the same thing. It should be a good battle the rest of the season against them."

While Calgary has already earned a post-season berth, Brinkley said the Snakes want to win the second-half title as well to leave the Cracker-Cats in their dust.

"We definitely wanted to win the first half so we can prepare for the playoffs," Brinkley said. "That was one of our goals and I'm glad we achieved that. We still want to go out there and be competitive for the second half, but we want to make sure we've got all the pieces of the puzzle in place for the playoffs."

In his second full season with the Vipers, Brinkley has totally embraced the spirit of the Battle of Alberta

"They had some kind of special day the last time we played them (in Edmonton) and had about 8,000 fans and we went out and beat them, so that felt good," said the 39-year-old veteran of 15 minor league seasons.

Brinkley would love so see fans pack the Snake Pit this weekend to watch two quality baseball teams battle it out on the field.

"We hope they always come out," he said. "The fans that do come out are great fans and they support us and I'm very appreciative."

Designated hitter Felix Jose, who leads the GBL in batting with a .397 average, said he'd like to see some of the biggest crowds of the season out this weekend to support the Vipers.

"Hopefully they appreciate it more and come to see more baseball," Jose said. "Hopefully we can get like 5,000 more people to come out and support the baseball team. It would be nice. I think Calgary's a fun city for baseball. People have just got to get used to it."

The first 1,500 people into the park tonight will receive a free Vipers key chain.

Tomorrow the Vipers and Calgary Stampeders are teaming up for a baseball-football doubleheader. The baseball game begins at 2:30 p.m. and starting at 4.00 p.m. football fans will receive free admission by presenting their Stamps-Riders ticket.

Vipers fans will be allowed to park free on Vipers property if they chose to move their vehicles from the McMahon Stadium lot starting at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday's game is also an afternoon affair starting at 1:30 p.m.

# Veteran still pounding out hits

LAURENCE HEINEN

age this season.

Darryl Brinkley has a sim-

ple secret for his success.

The veteran minor league ball player hit .400 for the Calgary Vipers last year and currently has a re-

spectable .360 batting aver-

"I just go out there and try to have a good at bat every single time," said Brinkley, who was named Baseball America's Independent Leagues Player of the Year last season.

Those stats aren't too shabby for the 39-year-old veteran of 15 minor league seasons, who also played for three years in Europe in the early 1990s.

"I'm doing pretty well," said the humble Calgary outfielder. "I always can be doing better. I'm never satisfied. We've still got some games to go. Hopefully I can still get a little better."

While Felix Jose leads the league with a .397 batting average this season, Brinkley said he's not competing against his teammate for bragging rights as Calgary's best slugger.

est slugger. Darryl
"I don't need him Brinkley
push me." said

to push me," said the 5-foot-11, 205-pound native of Stamford, Conn. "I've been playing this game a long time. This is my first time playing with him. I didn't need him last year to push me, but it's really nice for him to come out here and really show he's a good ball player. It's nice to have him on the team. For me, I go out there

doing better. I'm never satisfied. We've still got some and try my best no matter who's on the team."

> Brinkley admitted to getting a few good breaks to

hit .400 last season, but stressed that luck isn't all you need.

"You do need luck, but I had determination," he said. "I just really wanted to go out there and play the game and do something good during the game. If it

wasn't a hit, it was a walk or a stolen base or something." At 39 years of age, Brink-

ley still has lots of energy.
"I try not to think about all that because if I do then I start feeling old," he said.
"Right now, I'm feeling young at heart so I'm hanging in there."

In fact, he leads the Vipers with 20 stolen bases,

good enough for fourth spot among speedsters in the Golden Baseball League.

"I'm tricking them," he said of his base-swiping prowess. "They probably think I'm too old to be stealing, so they're not prepared, so that's good. Let them keep thinking that."

While Jose's son Felix Jose Jr. is an aspiring base-ball player in Boca Raton, Fla., Brinkley's son Darryl Brinkley Jr. is following down a different sporting path back in Norwalk, Conn.

"He has his own little hunger," said Brinkley of his son who's heading into Grade 10 where he'll play on the varsity football squad. "Whether I'm playing sports or not, he wants to get his own name out there and show he's a really good athlete."

# Albertans among statistical leaders

**LAURENCE HEINEN** for Metro Calgary

Both the Calgary Vipers and Edmonton Cracker-Cats have several players among the league leaders in various statistical categories.

Among batting leaders, Calgary's Felix Jose tops the league with a .397 average, while Darryl Brinkley sits in 10th at .360 as of July 30. Edmonton's Carlos Arroyo has a .380 average, good enough for seventh spot.

Among power hitters, Calgary's Drew Miller is tied for second in the league with 16 homeruns, while Edmonton's Joe Jianetti is fourth in the circuit with 64 runs batted in. Cracker-cat speedster Marcus Nettles leads the GBL with 33 stolen bases, Calgary veteran Darryl Brinkley is in fourth with 20, while Edmonton's Ruddy Yan is close behind in fifth with 18.

Edmonton is fourth in the league with a team batting average of .321, while Calgary is close behind at .318.

The Cracker-Cats have two pitchers among the top 10. Eric Van Slyke has a 6-3 record to go with a 3.72 earned run average, while Ricardo Rodriguez is 4-2 with a 4.80 ERA. Calgary ace Evan Greusel sits at 7-2 with a 3.92 ERA.

Edmonton closer Pete Sikaras is currently tied for the league lead with 11

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#### Team Iraa

Four Iraqi athletes will go to the Beijing Games, organizers said yesterday, up from an initial two.

# James

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# **Chit-chat censure**

#### Government gives advice on what to say

Don't ask a tourist's age or wage, steer clear of sex and avoid religion: What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitorss.

Posters displayed on bulletin boards in the neighbourhood that includes tourist magnet the Forbidden City, and which will host Olympics boxing events, counsel locals against a wide range of potentially awkward conversation topics with foreign-

The list of "eight don't asks" was issued by the Dongcheng district Propaganda Department as a

guide for locals about how to show proper hospitality, a department spokesman said.

"Don't ask about income or expenses, don't ask about age, don't ask about love life or marriage, don't ask about health, don't ask about someone's home or address, don't ask about personal experience, don't ask about religious beliefs or political views, don't ask what someone does," the Olympics logo stamped poster advises.

Several etiquette guidelines have already been issued in the run-up to the Games, as China prepares to put its best foot forward with a faultless event.

The government has

#### "Other than the weather, what else are you supposed to talk about?"

campaigned to curb queuejumping, spitting, littering and even speaking loudly in public, fearful such behaviour could mar Beijing's image.

While some said the guidelines may make people feel nervous about chatting with the 500,000 overseas visitors expected in Beijing for the Aug. 8-24 Games, others questioned the need for them in lively discussions on the Inter-

"Other than the weather



Volunteers participate in etiquette training for the award ceremonies at the Beijing Olympic Games.

what else are you supposed to talk about?" asked one blogger on the New York Craiglist website.

"Are there also eight 'don't tell's'?" asked another on the popular Shanghai blog, Shanghaiist (shanghaiist.com.)

"While 'Eight Don't Asks' is a general practice in the States ... I don't un-

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derstand why Chinese living in China should follow this rather western guideline," wrote "LC" on another English-language site.

Others online defended the list as a way to bridge cultural gaps and avoid confused reactions from visitors to questions some might find too intrusive.

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#### **Sharapova** pulls out of Games

TENNIS World number three Maria Sharapova pulled out of the Beijing Olympics yesterday after an MRI scan on her right shoulder revealed two small tears.

"I'm currently packing up really quick to hop on the plane and head to New York for a second opinion but I wanted to let all of you know first that there's no chance of me competing in Beijing," Sharapova said.

#### **Tuesday's** lineup

**MEDAL HOPEFULS** In the final days before the Games, Metro will profile four of Canada's top medal hopefuls. Read Metro on Tuesday for more.

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DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour





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Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 1 red pepper, chopped + 2 green onions, chopped

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX cream cheese and dressing. 2) ADD remaining ingredients.
3) REFRIGERATE. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.





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DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.









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"Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons." - Fashion Columnist Kim Elbo



#### Best dressed

The Vanity Fair 2008 best-dressed list came out this week, and there's not one Canuck in the bunch. Gracing the cover and list is former model and current French first lady Carla Bruni Sarkozy, left. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE** 

**Nice Day for a White Wedding** 

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# Be rebellious with white

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Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips



#### **Romanesque Dress**

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#### white summer styles

If you're one to follow the rule of 'wear no white after Labour Day,' then you've got exactly 31 days left. On the other hand, if you like to stand out and be a bit rebellious then here are a couple of items you can mix in and layer with well after Labour Day. Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons. If you're looking for a casual dress the Gap dress is perfect, wear with gladiator sandals for the summer then with opaque tights for fall. The Jacob jacket is a great lightweight jacket perfect for cool summer evenings or for building to building walks this fall semester.



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#### Metallic Detail

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#### Brides fit to be sized

A Fitness magazine survey of 1,000 brides found that one in five would postpone their wedding if they didn't meet a weight goal.

And even more remarkable, 29 per cent of them would move in with their mother-in-law if it meant reaching their ideal weight.

Though the struggle to get small before the big day is not news, the pressure to downsize is bordering on obsessive, writes Allison Gaudet Yarrow for Women's eNews.

"Sure brides-to-be dream of orchids, fluffy cakes and love everlasting, but the singular thought of many in the months leading up to their weddings is, `How am I going to look in that

The wedding industry, she says, is selling perfection, and brides are buying. See Bulging Brides on the Slice channel.

"This rise of the large extravagant weddings - today's average affair costs \$28,704 (U.S.) with 161 guests in attendance — has been accompanied by an increasingly conspicuous concern with pre-wedding fitness.'

Brides want to look good in the dress and the photos, she explains. If it takes an extreme diet and a gruelling "boot camp" fitness regime to achieve those goals, they'll do it.

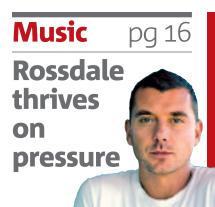
A study from Cornell University published in the March-May 2008 edition of



According to a recent Fitness magazine survey, 70 per cent of women want to lose weight before they wed.

the journal Appetite found that 70 per cent of women want to lose weight before they wed. In June, Fitness magazine reported that 83 per cent do and one-third of them hope to drop 30 pounds or more.

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Sisters carry on with bond

# **Potent Pineapple**

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Seth Rogen, carrying co-star James Franco, followed through with producer Judd Apatow's suggestion to tackle a "weed action movie" when Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg penned Pineapple Express.

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New Mummy is as exciting as an old bag of bones.



Your guide to what's hot — and what's not.



Flight of the Red Balloon is bittersweet masterpiece.



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1. The Slip, Nine Inch Nails; 2. Viva La Vida, Coldplay; 3. Two Men with the Blues, Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis; 4. Mamma Mia Soundtrack, Various Artists; 5. All I Intended to Be, Emmylou Harris. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

# Billy Talent says F-U to MS

SoundCheck

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**Cross** 

mer Aaron Solowoniuk is in a good place. The band, fresh from celebrating their 15th anniversary, has just returned from a invigorating 2 1/2 week swing through Germany, Finland, Norway, Russia and Poland that has left everyone in the group feeling great.

"We had sold 400 albums in all of Poland, yet 800 people came to see our show. Maybe it had something to do with my last name," he

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After selling more than 600,000 copies of their first two albums, Billy Talent has earned the right to take some time recording their next CD. At this moment, though, demos are being assembled, producers are being considered, studios are being scouted and the group is in the process of finding a building to serve as the new BT HQ. And while that third record won't be ready until next spring, Aaron let it slip that fans will be rewarded with a new song called Turn Your Back in the fall.

says with a quiet smile.

Then there's F.U.M.S., Billy Talent's crusade against multiple sclerosis, a disease that's on Aaron's mind every day because he's had to live with it himself for more than a

decade. Thanks

Aaron's MS is under control. Aaron realizes he's blessedly lucky, which is why he and the band are behind the MS Society of Canada's Scholarship Program. It provides post-secondary education support to young adults 25 and under with MS or those who have a parent living with the disease.

> "My goal for this program," he says, "is for young people to have the opportunity to follow their dreams,

> > regardless of

the presence of MS in their lives."

Next Friday's Second Annual F.U.M.S. Open in Ontario, will see more than 100 golfers - including some of BT's musician friends — is expected to raise at least \$25,000.

This year, 80 scholarships valued at nearly \$80,000 are being distributed to students across the country. In a few weeks, some of the essays written by scholarship winners will be posted at mssociety.ca/scholarship. You can also make a donation at the site.

"These kids write things that bring tears to my eyes," says Aaron. "To be able to help them is amazing. I want to keep this up until there's a cure."

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Gavin Rossdale was a guest on Canadian Idol this week.

# Rossdale's reality gig

JIM REYNO for Metro Calgary

ter be good.

#### OK, Gavin Rossdale you're up. And you'd bet-

"Every time I go sing a vocal, I feel like this is it—everything depends on it," the former Bush frontman savs about his singing approach. "I'm in the Cup final every time. If I don't get this right, I'm out. I'm done. I'm gone.

"I like that pressure. I thrive on that kind of pressure. I hope that it comes across when I'm singing; there's a passion in there that comes from that."

Rossdale was in Toronto recently to talk about his appearance on Canadian Idol, his first solo album Wanderlust, and a little bit about the baby he and wife Gwen Stefani are expecting. Sipping on a self-made green tea, Rossdale is blunt about the pressure he felt to make a successful record. After a multi-platinum, fivealbum run with Bush, Rossdale took a step back commercially with the hardedged group Institute.

So now what?

"If I was going to make another record, it really had to connect, or I could be in certain degrees of trouble," Rossdale said. "That's just me being realistic and truthful."

Wanderlust, produced by legendary Canuck Bob Rock, was released June 3 and has surpassed Institute's chart performance.

And here's a good way to ensure better album sales:

"If I was going to make another record, it really had to connect. or I could be in certain degrees of trouble."

Gavin Rossdale

Rossdale appeared on Canadian Idol this week, mentoring the Top 8 with their acoustic-performance skills, as well as performing his single Love Remains the Same.

The 42-year-old London native said he was impressed with the finalists' dedication. "You didn't get the sense that it wasn't about the fame, you got the sense that it was about music for them," Rossdale said. "A lot of people nowadays, being famous is probably the No. 1 career desire."

As for his own marketing, Rossdale said an extensive tour is on hold for a few months, to give the album a chance to gain momentum. Also: "I'm about to have another baby. It's kind of cool, because it's like complete chaos. And I think life is richer when it's full of chaos. The idea of having an ordered, simple life is just not for me."

Rossdale and Stefani are expecting their second child by the end of the Their son summer. Kingston, was born in 2006. No word on whether Kingston will have a little brother os sister.

"I don't know," Rossdale said. "We're going to go for the surprise."



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# Caution: 'Mummy on the loose!'

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor **Director: Rob Cohen Stars: Brendan Fraser, Maria** Bello. Jet Li Classification: PG Rating:

**REVIEW** For someone who keeps saying he "really hates mummies," Brendan Fraser sure keeps coming back to them a lot. If he just listened to his character's own empty rantings of detest, maybe he (and we) would've been much better off.

In this third offering of the successful franchise, adventurer Rick O'Connell returns to action taking his wife (Maria Bello sporting a spotty British accent) to China to deliver a legendary diamond.

There, he learns his son (Luke Ford) dug up the



The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor features some crazy visual effects.

(Jet Li) and ... well, to spare you the contrived plot details, just assume that blood

tomb of evil Emperor Han is spilt, the Emperor awakens and as Rick O'Connell exclaims, "There's a mummy on the loose!'

Now, nobody should expect perfection out of this type of popcorn movie, but at least give us a reasonable story and a shred of intelligent dialogue.

Here, lines are so baseless, expository and unfunny that when a yak yaks on one character, he declares "the yak yakked." Wasn't that a throwaway line from Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy?

Sure, there are plenty of crazy visual effects of warriors, a dragon and even yetis (what, no mid-20th century goblins?) but they only serve to mildly distract from a tedious, laboured storyline.

At Comic-Con in San Diego recently, Fraser described this film as a "love

Well, this is as much a love story as There Will Be Blood is a meditation on dairy products.

And basically, that's why this movie stinks — a clear lack of focus, direction and yes, even "love" leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000-yearold bag of bones.

#### The Wackness is worth a look

**RICK MCGINNIS** 

**The Wackness Director: Jonathan Levine** Stars: Josh Peck, Ben Kingsley, Olivia Thirlby Classification: 14A

Rating:

**REVIEW** A triangle connects the three main characters in The Wackness, though it isn't love they share, but high-grade weed. Luke (Josh Peck) was a self-described zero in high school, though his cachet as a pot dealer is probably the only thing that's kept him from tipping down the teenage social precipice.

In the summer between graduation and university, he falls for former classmate Stephanie (Olivia Thirlby), the stepdaughter of Dr. Squires (Ben Kingsley), one of his best customers. Luke has been trading weed for analysis, but he and the older man develop a bond when Stephanie, in the city for the summer and flattered by Luke's awkward crush, decides to hang out with him as he deals baggies of grass from an ice-cream cart.

Josh Peck captures the mannerisms of a teenage boy, and the easily bruised emotions that lie beneath the bravado. Thirlby is just as good as Stephanie, perfectly embodying the sort of girl most boys fall for self-confident with a slight edge in emotional maturity over any boy the same

Jonathan Levine's film is exactly the sort of small but well-observed essay on relationships that indie films should be.

# Swing, and a miss: Swing Vote a disappointment

**ADAM NAYMAN** for Metro Canada

**Swing vote Director: Joshua Michael** 

**Stars: Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper** Classification: PG

Rating:

**REVIEW** Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable smalltown screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. presidential election — is pretty much the

role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day.

Swing Vote feels very much like a vanity project, but unlike The Postman or Open Range, Costner didn't write or direct (he did produce).

However, like The Postman and Open Range, the film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

It's a bad sign when beer-swilling layabout Bud,

prototypical Kevin Costner coerced to cast his vote by his implausibly precocious 10-year old daughter (poised newcomer Made-

line Carroll) gets cold-cocked by an overhanging "remember to vote" sign: nothing like literally being smacked by metaphor (for him, or for us).

Things actually Kevin Costner Bud's whims are simiget worse from there, as undecided voter Bud bean overnight comes celebrity and courted by incumbent president Kel-

sey Grammer and Democratic challenger Dennis Hopper.

The candidates are wittily cast (arch-Republican Sideshow Bob vs. The

Easy Rider himself) but the roles are so bland that the joke gets muffled; the satirical jibes at their mutual willingness to flip-flop ideologies on

larly toothless.

Bud's eventual political awakening (once again dully literalized by having his daughter forcibly rouse him out of bed at regular intervals) is so perfunctory that it's insulting.

After one montage of diligent study with his daughter (and, of course, a sexy TV newswoman), he emerges as an expert on the issues and leads a presidential debate (complete with standard-issue halting Costner monologue).

At which point, director Joshua Michael Stern hurriedly cuts away from the discussion. After all, we can't have any actual politics in our political comedv. can we?



# Red Balloon bittersweet gem

Flight of the Red Balloon **Director: Hou Hsaio-Hsien** Stars: Juliette Binoche, Fang

Classification: STC Rating:

**REVIEW** The Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-Hsien has always had a genius for slow, drifting camera movements, and Flight of the Red Balloon —inspired by Albert Lamorisse's beloved 1956 short about a boy and his inflatable best friend — starts with a gorgeously choreographed sequence that assumes the same swirling, weightless trajectory as the eponymous sphere as it floats through present-day Paris.

It's a bravura opening, and it quickly establishes the main difference between Hou's homage and Lamorisse's original; this time out, the balloon is less a constant pal than a benign observer. The film still revolves around a little boy, seven-year-old Simon (Simon Itaneu), but his guardian this time out is human: Song (Song Fang), a Chinese film student studying in Paris who works as his nanny. She's been hired Suzanne (Juliette



The Flight of the Red Balloon is in theatres today.

Binoche), a perpetually frazzled puppeteer whose cluttered apartment reflects her chaotic personal life.

One might say that "not a lot happens" in Flight of the Red Balloon, but that would ignore the complexity of Hou's contemplative style (which frequently renders the mundane breathtaking) and also the subtlety of his themes. This remake of a classic is fittingly preoccupied with the link between the past and the present (Suzanne asks Song to transfer 8mm home movies to DVD), and with the idea that the anxieties and hopes of childhood are an eternal state.

The Flight of the Red Balloon is a bittersweet masterpiece.

# Sisterhood reunites

NED EHRBAR for Metro Canada



FEATURE Ask the four stars of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 about what it was like filming the sequel, and they immediately mention a moped accident — and whose fault it was.

"It was Amber's fault," America Ferrera insists.

"Right," Amber Tamblyn says. "It was my fault. But Blake hit the back of everybody."

"But she wouldn't have if you didn't stop," Ferrera responds.

Within seconds, all four actresses are talking at once, showing off the very real bond they've developed.

The film, in theatres Aug. 6, reunites Ferrera, Tamblyn, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel, who first brought the characters from Ann Bashares'

"At the end of the day I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie. I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Blake Lively on the Hollywood lifestyle



Alexis Bledel returns alongside America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn and Blake Lively in the The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

best-selling book series to movie," says Lively. "I life in 2005.

Part two crams the next three books in the series into one movie, but the bond between the main characters remains the heart of the film.

The four young actresses, all film and TV stars in their own rights, have stayed grounded despite the allure of the Young Hollywood culture.

"At the end of the day of work, I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Of course, it's hard to go too crazy when you have friends watching out for you.

"If any of us dared to be ridiculous, we would get a lot of phone calls," Ferrera says.

Tamblyn agrees: "From each other, saying, 'What were you doing? You're grounded.

"What I love about this movie is that it gives

#### Who wears the pants?

 The titular trousers, which worked so much magic in the first film, take a back seat in the sequel. This time around, the focus is on the girls themselves and their individual journeys into adulthood. So why the shift away from the pants? "It doesn't matter at that point," says Bledel. "I think they've grown out of it."

While the pants may be fading away, the sisterhood remains strong.

young women an example of strong female relationships," Ferrera says.

She hopes to see more films portraying women "supporting each other instead of tearing each other down."

Now, about that moped accident. "It was very dramatic," Tamblyn explains.

"Great for a first day of shooting." Ferrera agrees: But Tamblyn can't help getting a joke in. "It was good because I got to make fun of them on crutches," she says, smiling slyly.

"She would take our crutches, too," Lively says. And with that, they're off again, all four talking at once.

Just like real friends.

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#### Movie morsels

#### The Dark Knight

**REVIEW** The follow-up to Batman Begins definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

#### Mamma Mia!

**REVIEW** The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

#### **Space Chimps**

REVIEW Ham III, the computer-generated hero of Space Chimps which is voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg is sure to get a lot of laughs. His grandfather — Ham was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy.

He's a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon. But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark.

What follows is a pre-

dictable but entertaining story, kind of an Odyssey-Star Wars mix for chimps. Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

#### **Step Brothers**

**REVIEW** Ferrell re-teams with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly to play a middle-aged slacker who must cope with his new 40-something step brother.

Every bit immature equals, the siblings square off like tantrum-filled toddlers. It's a thin story to hang jokes on but part of the reason it works is because you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins..

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

#### **Wall E**

**REVIEW** In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot, is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth.

He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again.

When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitches along for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

#### The X-Files: I **Want To Believe**

**REVIEW** Ex-FBI agent Dana Scully (Anderson), now a full-time hospital surgeon, pulls her partner Fox Mulder (Duchovny) out of exile to track the case of a missing agent. Helping them is Father Joe (Connolly), a pedophile priest who sniffs out severed body parts and crime scenes for the bureau with his questionable psychic abilities.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

# Pineapple Express: 'a weed action movie'

STEVE GOW

for Metro Canada

FEATURE To sum Pineapple Express, Seth Rogen simply has to think back to what star producer Judd Apatow suggested he and writing partner Evan Goldberg tackle next after penning surprise hit Superbad: "A weed action movie."

For those who are familiar with the Vancouver-born actor/writer, it's not totally out of charac-

"Me and Evan thought that could be rad," Rogen admitted recently in Los Angeles.

"Basically, we started thinking if we could make a movie that was kind of a weed movie and an action movie and (had) a real friendship story to it, that would be our favorite movie ever."

Hitting theatres next Friday, the comedy tells the tale of Dale (Rogen), a slothful process server who spins into weed-enhanced panic after witnessing a murder.



Seth Rogen's influence for Pineapple Express came from '80s action films like Lethal Weapon and Die Hard.

dope dealer Saul (James soon being chased by

In desperation, Dale Franco), but the two unseeks refuge with his likely companions are

crooked cops, henchmen and a ridiculous mid-levdealer (Danny McBride).

Now, Rogen may have perfected the innocent, stoner type with his turn in last summer's hit Knocked Up, but he insists Dale is a far cry from playing pot-smokerturned-proud papa Ben

"To me, the fact that a character smokes weed isn't really what I hang my hat on necessarily. I mean, Arthur and James Bond aren't the same because they both drink," reasons Rogen.

"To me, they're very different guys."

Besides, both Rogen and Goldberg set out to make an action movie; not a romantic comedy a la Knocked Up.

Both were huge fans of '80s action hits like Lethal Weapon, Die Hard and basically "anything with Brian Bosworth in

To make it authentic, Rogen knew they had to get physical and even take on a few stunts.

"Ya, we hurt ourselves... We're all friends. It's very bonding to beat the crap out of each other."

Seth Rogen on doing the film's stunts

"Ya, we hurt our-selves," brags Rogen. "Franco cracked his face open; McBride cracked the back of his head open" — resulting in a concussion, thanks in part to Franco, who struck McBride with a water-filled bong.

"We're all friends.



"The only thing I do when I'm pregnant is eat and sit on my butt!"

Gillian Anderson, right, who is preg nant with her third child. Ander son is back on the big screen as Agent Dana Scully in the new movie The X-Files: I Want to Be lieve.

It's very bonding to beat the crap out of each oth-

er," laughs Rogen. "(This film was) very physical; you're in somewhat homoerotic positions; lots of me on Danny's back. I rode Danny's back for two days.'

Chimes in McBride: "Sometimes it wasn't even during the movie.'

Look for a review of Pineapple Express on Wednesday.



#### Levine sticks to what he knows in The Wackness: N.Y.C., circa 1994

RICK MCGINNIS Metro Canada

**FEATURE** Director Jonathan Levine probably could have saved a lot of money if he'd opted for setting The Wackness, his coming-of-age film starring Ben Kingsley and Josh Peck, in the here and now instead of in the New York of the early '90s, when Rudolph Giuliani was cracking down on crime and hip hop was going mainstream with acts like A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul. The 30-year-old director insists, though, the setting is essential to his story, and his ability to write it.

"Basically I started out with the 'write what you know' adage in my head," Levine tells me, "and if I tried to write a coming-ofage film for kids in 2008 I would have gotten it all wrong — I just don't know what they do, with their Facebooking and MySpacing and whatever they do.

"So that was the first reason, and when I started writing it I started infusing it with more and more of my own personal memories from the time, and the biggest thing was that the Giulianification of New York was such a good alle-



Jonathan Levine

gory for what these two people are trying to figure out as far as their own existential dilemmas, and beyond that I just wanted to use a bunch of the music from the time because I liked it.

"It was very specific to this person that it was a time when hip hop was crossing over into white, suburban culture, and I think the spirit of hip hop was something (Josh Peck's Luke) latches onto — it's the music of his rebellion. And for me that was a very defining time, so I guess I wanted to have a character who was defining himself in these hip hop terms but wasn't a one-dimensional human being. For me, also at the time New York was — I don't want to sound like an old curmudgeon but a much more vibrant

world. There were these different subcultures bumping up against each other, and there was Giuliani trying to enforce these laws that pissed people off, and you couldn't go anywhere without people complaining about Giuliani."

Like almost any comingof-age story, The Wackness is suffused with a melancholy spirit that Levine says is unavoidable with youth, like Luke, in the grey area between their teen years and adulthood.

"I think it's a combination of things - melancholy or bittersweet, it's kind of a fine line between the two. It's like a combination of 'This is a very difficult time for me,' mixed with 'This is the only time I'm gonna be this young and innocent.' It's about this perpetual loss that keeps going on, whether it's a loss of innocence or a loss of youth. That's not always a happy thing - it's kind of a bummer.

"But at the same time there are important lessons. I hope (my movie) is more bittersweet than melancholy, but it's a dark place to go. The good thing is that when you're young is that it washes off your back in a way that it doesn't when you're older."



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The Happening (14A) Fri-Thu 2:50-4:50-7:30-

The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:55

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45 Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-7:05

The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
Made of Honor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:20
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:3:30-6:55-9:10
Nim's Island (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-5:05
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You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Th 12:50-3:30-6:45-9:35

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Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:15-6:40-9:40
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Christian Bale as Batman in The Dark Knight, which is currently in theatres.

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#### Metro's **7**th **Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**

Life With My Sister Madonna, by Christopher Ci-ccone and Wendy Leigh And amid rumours of marital strife comes a biography of Madonna by her younger brother, Christopher Ciccone. Readers have panned Ciccone as coming across as whiny and carrying a sense of entitlement, but fans of the pop star will no doubt devour the book for its details.

**Flats** Flats are stepping back into the spotlight for this fall/winter season, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Moccasins and loafers are forecast to kick skyscraper heels aside for more sure-footed fashion.

**18** to Life A CBC-TV sitcom has been picked up by ABC. The show 18 to Life will star Stacey Farber of Degrassi: The Next Generation and Michael Seater of Life With Derek as 18-yearold newlyweds.

The Hills: The Complete Third Season This DVD box set of the third season of the popular reality TV show The Hills, featuring the dramas of Lauren Conrad and pals/nemeses, hit stores on Tuesday.

Disturbia, by Rihanna In her new video for the song Disturbia, Rihanna lets fans discover her dark side. The video plunges viewers into a strange universe that would rival one with Marilyn Manson.

**Patrick** Swayze Kudos to actor Patrick Swayze for living life — he stepped out earlier this week to film the A&E series The Beast, his first acting gig since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. No disease keeps Swayze in the corner.

Hollywood twin boom Actress Angelina Jolie just delivered fraternal twins, now comes news actress Rebecca Romijn is expecting a duo. Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez welcomed Max and Emme earlier this year, too. Is something in the water?

#### ... and what's not:

Ring-a-ding Shayne Lamas, former fiancée of The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, is keeping the 2.85-carat Tacori diamondand-platinum ring he gave her on the show's finale. Grant, however, has a point: Why not auction off the ring for charity? "Why hold onto it?" People.com reports him saying. "It's a symbol of marriage that didn't happen."







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New York jeweler Jacob & Co. is suing musician Wyclef Jean. The company claims Jean owes it more than \$300,000 US worth of watches and jewelry. Jean has not commented on the legal action. BBC NEWS ONLINE

#### **Celebrity Buzz**

# Ryan, Rachel Sarah's united front RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night Out in Nove Year Comments RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night of the pair, who have been married for 11 years, have been seen together since a magazine claimed he had of reunion

**RELATIONSHIPS** Actors Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams have sparked speculation they are a couple again, after they were spotted going home together after the actor's recent DJ debut, imdb.com reports.

The former couple met on the set of the 2004 movie The Notebook, and enjoyed a two-year



Gosling was allegedly heartbroken by the split, previously branding McAdams as "one of the great loves of my life."

He added that his relationship was nothing like that of his Notebook character's union, saying: "Rachel and my love story is a hell of a lot more romantic than that.'

out in New York following allegations he had an affair with a 25-year-old woman, the Daily Mail

The couple emerged from a Midtown restaurant Wednesday night, with Broderick's arm wrapped around his wife as they smiled at photographers. It's the

first time

a three-month relationship with another

woman while she was filming the Sex and the City movie. One source defended the couple, saying:

"They have never had a conventional marriage, but it works for the two of them ... They are so private and hate all this silly gossip.

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**Britney dating staffer?** 

#### celebrity brief **Avril undergoes** blond moment

MUSIC Avril Lavigne only hires brown-haired backup dancers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer insists on being the sole blond on stage when she performs live. "I wanted my girls to look really punk rock, with like, black hair and that's pretty standard for everyone, like Madonna and Mariah Carey," she reportedly

Army. He also has a few

tattoos, which she loves.

They've spent so much

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#### by Joe O'Neill

/yclef Jean. It's awful when the bling bling bring brings a lawsuit.

Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams together again? I hope it's not true.

To me, the seminal lyric in SNL's classic digital short Lazy Sunday is "I love these cupcakes like Mc-Adams loves Gosling." It takes me back to that time of innocence that was 2005, when the Canadian actors' love was in its first blushing bloom. To attempt to recreate the magic that was late 2005 will more than likely result in an odour not unlike that which is created when one reheats cabbage.

Mary-Kate had to run out in emotional distress when watching Heath **Ledger**'s performance in The Dark Knight? Good, now she has some idea of the excruciating pain she helped inflict on millions through her performance in Full House, except in that case projectile vomiting was also usually involved.

I really feel for **Matthew Broderick**. I'm sure SJP's Carrie Bradshaw voiceovers were getting to him. "You know when you wake up in the morning and you realize you've just been with a man who's decidedly NOT Mr. Big ... '

Yeah, **Avril Lavigne**, there's nothing more punk than back-up dancers. Joe Strummer used to go on and on about the importance of back-up dancers and what colour hair should have.

The Pistols actually broke up after the infamous Winterland Theater concert following an argument over which of the Ernest Flatt dancers they should hire away from the Carol Burnett Show.

That was so punk. NEWSDESK@METRONEWS.CA

#### celebrity brief

#### **Katherine not** having kids, yet

**CONTROVERSY** Kids for actress Katherine Heigl and new husband Josh Kelley? Not so fast, People.com reports. "It's nothing that we're talking about right now," Lucas said. "We're pretty busy.'

Kelley, 28, spent the summer vacationing with Heigl, 29, and touring. Heigl said in March she would like to have

children sooner than Kelley — but she agreed that wasting their curcareer opportunities would be "foolish." METRO NEWS

her bodyguard, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The pop star has been spending nearly every day with former soldier Lee, who has been working fulltime for her for six months, and he has even started sleeping at her Los Angeles home. "Britney and Lee hit it off immediately," a source said.

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RELATIONSHIPS

Spears is reportedly dating

thing led to another and their relationship became physical." The pair have

been on holiday in Mexico together and Lee has been seen dancing around a hotel swimming pool with Spears. "They've been having a great time. Lee's put a smile on her face," the source added to Britain's The Sun newspaper.

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#### Karina steps on

**Bachelor rumour** 

**RELATIONSHIPS** Days after she was spotted getting cosy with The Bachelor's Andy Baldwin in Las Vegas, Karina Smirnoff is denying any romance, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm sure Andy is a cool guy," the dancer said. "However, there is absolutely no truth to any of the rumours.' **METRO NEWS SERVICES** 

#### celebrity brief

#### Halle's ex-hubby wishes her well

Berry's ex-husband, Eric Benet, only has nice things to say about her,

Benet and Berry, 41, split in 2004 after three years marriage. METRO

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is said to face a love dilemma every day as her ex-husband Tommy Lee is constantly asking her to marry him, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The former Baywatch

star was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But despite the split, the pair have been spending a lot of time together recently and are now co-habiting for the sake of their two sons Dylan, 10 and Brandon,

#### Tommy proposes to me daily, Pam says

them to be a proper family

again, and Anderson has

However, it is believed that Lee wants the four of

one day, she might just accept his proposal. 'Tommy asks me to mar-

ry him every day," she says. "It's very confusing. Marriage is romantic and I get swept up easily." After two short-lived

unions to Kid Rock and film producer Rick Salomon, Anderson admits her heart has always belonged to Lee. "Tommy is the love of

my life. It's a very deep love that grows in all sorts of unexpected ways. It's been the one relationship that's challenged me to the core," she says.

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#### celebrity brief

PEOPLE Actress Halle usmagazine.com reports.

> 'From the pictures, she looks great," Benet said. "I haven't spoken to herit's been a few years now — but I'm happy for her."

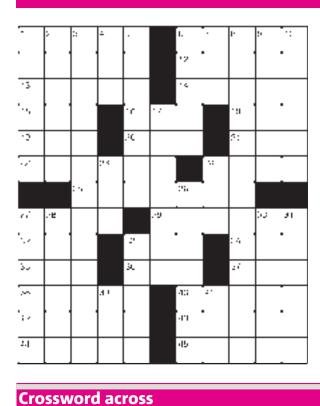
#### Kardashian pushes for wedding

Hollywood socialite-turned-reality TV star Kim Kardashian is reportedly pressuring her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, to propose — by getting a start on her wedding plans. IMDB.COM

#### **Take Five**

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#### **Crossword down**

- 1 Foot parts
- 2 Read over
- 3 C.S. Lewis book
- 4 Cruces
- 5 Understanding
- 6 Ham and lamb
- 7 Hurler's pride
- 8 Judith Krantz book 9 Exit a banking site
- 10 Wears down
- 17 Desperate
- 23 Blubber
- 24 According to
- 26 Behavior
- 27 Staff symbols
- 28 Sonora snack
- 30 Viewpoints 31 New news
- 33 Secluded spots

previous day's answer

- 39 Caesar of comedy
- 41 Pitch

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#### **Horoscopes MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A timid person is thunder-

struck. A man thinks about

your special encounter. A stun-

ning story will be told to the

A mystical man has the facts

committed to memory. Some-

one is compelled to speak out.

Cut-throat analysis works for

You're able to bring things to

conclusion. Be amused if ac-

cused of being starved for love.

A good luck charm brings a ma-

**ARIES** 

wrong person.

APRIL 21-MAY 21

**MAY 22-JUNE 21** 

**TAURUS** 

an official.

**GEMINI** 

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22

**LEO** 

#### **LIBRA**

**SEPT 23-OCT 23** A mercenary friend provokes dismay. An exhausting project can ease business pressures. Drastic change is on the way.

#### **SCORPIO**

#### **OCT 24- NOV 22**

Something drives pushy people to alienate others. Feeling undeserved guilt wastes time. A narcissistic buddy wants to visit with you..

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Don't deceive anyone, no matter how trivial the matter. An unexpected gift comes in handy. Compassion earns you some points.

Meeting with a big mouth pro-

#### **CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20**

#### A man plans to clear the air. An argument will cause heartache.

A man's loyalty results in lost sleep. A busybody hides the secrets of the past. Come to the rescue before a quarrel begins.

#### **JULY 23-AUG 23**

Getting smart with a rival is asking for trouble. A jerk wants to give advice. Meeting a female does you some good.

#### **VIRGO**

#### **AUG 24-SEPT 22**

When complications mount, make a call. Keep your eyes trained on the future. A marriage is discussed by a reliable

#### **AQUARIUS IAN 21-FFR 18**

duces discomfort.

Criticism provokes separation from a friend. Something wrong will be righted. Tell someone of your personal problems.

#### **PISCES**

#### **FEB 19-MAR 20** Be there when a friend whim-

pers. A tongue-tied man mends a broken heart. Poke around in someone's memories for the truth

#### This day in history

35 Guitarist's aid

37 Representative: Abbr.

36 Went first

38 Bring up

40 Practical

44 Transmits

42 Grazing spot

43 Jobs for Poirot

45 Secret meeting

AUG. 1, 1498: Christopher Columbus becomes the first European to visit Venezuela.

AUG. 1, 1774: The element oxygen is discovered for the third (and

AUG. 1, 1800: The Act of Union 1800 is passed in which merges the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Kingdom of Ireland into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

AUG. 1, 1834: Slavery is abolished in the British Empire.

AUG. 1, 1944: Anne Frank makes the last entry in her diary.

AUG. 1, 1941: The first Jeep is produced.

#### AUG. 1, 1461: Edward IV is crowned king of England. on your weekend!!!

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20 Simple denials

24 Cats and dogs

21 Pool need

22 Handles

25 Leans on

27 Quick guess

29 Kind of fin

33 Collins base

34 "CSI" evidence

32 Possesses



#### **HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME** IN MINUTES:

#### previous day's answer

9	3	6	2	5	7	4	8	1
2	5	4	8	6	1	3	7	9
8	1	7	4	9	3	2	6	5
5	9	8	3	2	6	7	1	4
6	7	3	9	1	4	5	2	8
1	4	2	5	7	8	6	9	3
4	2	5	7	8	9	1	3	6
3	6	9	1	4	2	8	5	7
7	8	1	6	3	5	9	4	2

Under 13...... Genius 17-21...... Smart 25+..... Keep practising 13-17 . . . . . . Scholar

#### Sudoku

					2	4		
			1	7		5		
9	2	3				1		
2			9		1		3	
	9						5	
	7		4		5			8
		2				9	6	5
		1		8	9			
		9	3					

21-25 . . . . . Not bad

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#### A backet filled with water weighs 25 lbs. When one-half of the water is poured out, the bucket and remaining water weigh 13.5 lbs. How much does the bucket weigh?

Last Friday's Answers

## Calgary weather

#### Afternoon



**Partly** cloudy. **24°** 

#### **Tonight**



Clear. Low 9°





**Partly** cloudy. 19°/9°

#### Sunday



The Weather Network Monday



**Partly** cloudy. 22°/9°

#### Temperature Normals High: 24° Low: 9.5°



Sunrise: 6:02 a.m. Sunset: 9:21 p.m. Moonrise: 6:12 a.m. Moonset: 9:36 p.m.

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Goodbye and thanks to all, especially our loyal fans and friends. Write us when you can at our new email address: frankandgordon@bell.ca.

